

## THE DEPARTMENT WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

### ODD PRANK OF "WORST BOY IN GEORGETOWN"

An Interior Department Clerk's Former Distinction--The Best Story-Teller in the Census Office--Scope of the Civil Service Clearly Explained.

"Yes," said a prominent official of the General Land Office of the Interior Department this morning, "when I was about eighteen years old I was considered the worst boy in Georgetown. And that, by the way, was quite a distinction for a harder or more disreputable appellation of young Americans it has never been my privilege to see."

The gentleman was swapping reminiscences of boyhood days with several of the clerks of the office. All the members of the group were men who had been born and raised in this city, and had passed their young days under pretty much the same circumstances.

"One of the worst pranks I ever perpetrated in my life," continued the gentleman, "was played in a back room of my father's store. It was after the civil war, and the town was full of old soldiers. There was one old fellow by the name of Motter, who was swept in with the wave of returning soldiers and continued to make his home in Georgetown. He boasted that he didn't have a single relative in the world and no place in particular to call home. The old fellow hung about the store as much as my father finally took him into his employ."

"But Motter's falling was his exuberant love for liquor, and he contrived to keep himself all night on the collar button nearly all the time. His antics were in this continual state of bliss when he quite an extensive local reputation."

"One day," continued the speaker, "I was passing through the back room of the store with the other members of my crowd. A hard lot they were then, but they all turned out well and these who are still living are some of the best-known and likeliest business men in Georgetown today. Well we found old Motter stretched out on a pile of lumber, sleeping off the effects of his latest spree. It was not an unfamiliar sight in the least, for that was his usual resting place, but we were in high spirits and felt like playing some prank on the old man."

"Finally a thought struck me, and, telling the boys to wait, I ran across the street to a carriage factory. I borrowed several small cans of bright paint that they used for painting wagons and carriages. It was oil paint, but then I didn't care. One of the fellows in the crowd who could paint a bit better than Motter and proceeded to convert the old soldier's countenance into the painted face of a full-fledged Indian. I never shall forget how old man Motter looked lying there with those bright colors on his face. There actually wasn't a square inch of his countenance that was not coated with paint."

"Well, that evening Motter woke up, and the first thing he did was to go down the street to a saloon to get a drink. All we boys were standing on the other side of the street watching the old fellow. 'I don't know what happened in the saloon, but presently Motter came running out with a crowd of loafers at his heels, shouting at him. Everywhere the old soldier went people stared at him, and then burst out laughing. Finally Motter became enraged and went back to the store. He rushed up to a looking glass and began to gaze at himself. When he caught a glimpse of his face, shrieked and doled with the tears of his face, well--we adjourned to a safer locality."

"The old fellow never did get over that prank," concluded the gentleman who claimed the distinction of having been the "worst boy in Georgetown." "Of course we knew nothing of the matter, but I think Motter always fully believed we had painted his face. Anyway, he swore he would kill the person who did it if he ever found out his name."

"Who's the best story teller in the Census Bureau?" asked one of Director Merriam's clerks today.

"Why," came a prompt reply, "Frank Little. He has the reputation of telling more funny yarns than anyone in the Government employ."

"Is that so?"

"Oh, yes."

"Well, I always knew Frank was a great yarn-spinner, but to tell you the truth I have never had the patience to sit through one of Frank's narratives. I remember one evening that I was at his house for dinner. He began telling some interesting yarn before we went into the dining room, and well--at 11:30 o'clock I left for home. Frank had not arrived at the party where you laugh up to the sky. But it is said that all of Frank's stories are not of this character."

Mr. Conrad, chief clerk of the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Bristow, is a close student of human nature, and there are few representatives in Congress or other men prominent in public life whom he does not know. His duties bring him in close contact with representatives among whom he is a favorite by reason of his accommodating ways and affable manner. Mr. Conrad is peculiarly well fitted to fill an important position he holds on account of his intelligent and tactful character.

### FUSION WINS IN NEBRASKA.

Opposition on Part of Some Populists Finally Overcome.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.--Despite some opposition on the part of the Populists, fusion was again effected in Nebraska between the People's Party and the Democrats. An effort was made on the part of the Populists to induce the Democrats to give up their organization and formally affiliate with them, but this met with so much opposition on the part of the latter it was not insisted on.

No date was set for the State convention, that being left to the executive committee of both organizations, the Republicans not having fixed a day.

Mr. Bryan was present at both meetings, leaving his work of moving to his farm to mingle with the farmers. His influence was thrown in favor of fusion. Several Populists expressed a desire to go it alone, but were formally set upon. The matter of division of the offices was referred back to the two conventions when they met.

Resolutions of regret over the death of ex-Governor Altgeld were passed by the Democrats.

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### THE HUNTINGTON ESTATE.

Magnate Said to Have Loaned Much Money to Friends.

NEW YORK, March 20.--The "Tribune" says: "The Collis P. Huntington estate, now being inventoried by the State's transfer tax appraisers, acting with the executors, Charles M. Tweed and Isaac E. Gates, will amount to about \$28,000,000 or \$29,000,000. The transfer tax will appraise the estate at \$28,000,000."

"This is the unofficial estimate made by the State Comptroller's office. The State officials, as well as the executors, declined to give any official information about the schedule of property left by Mr. Huntington."

"The report of the State appraisers will not be filed for several months. It is understood that the delay is due in large part to the overhauling of claims and notes against friends of Mr. Huntington. These amount to an astonishingly large sum. It is said and are in such shape that it is difficult for the executors to tell how much they are really worth. The major items in the schedule of assets have been known for a long time."

"According to the 'Tribune's' informant Mr. Huntington loaned personal friends a great deal of money, most of which is not collectible. The scheduling of the estate," said this authority, "shows that Mr. Huntington's heart promptly responded to appeals for assistance."

### CHICAGO ENTERTAINING AN ARMY OF PYTHIANS

Forty Thousand Knights Are Gathered There.

Occasion Is First Grand Jubilee of All the Lodges in Supreme Domain of Canada and the United States.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 20.--Knights of Pythians from all parts of the United States and Canada gathered in Chicago today, to celebrate the first grand jubilee of all lodges in their supreme domain. It is estimated that at least 40,000 Knights have assembled to make the attendant ceremonies memorable.

The official hosts of this glittering army are the Grand Lodge officers of Illinois.

During the afternoon the rank of knight will be conferred on United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge by the Indiana lodge team of Indianapolis, and on Gov. Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, by the Wisconsin lodge team of the same State.

### THE JACOBY CONTRACTS.

Notice Should Have Been Sent Administrator, Not Widower.

The City Solicitor, Mr. A. B. Duvall, has forwarded to the District Commissioners an opinion upon the method of procedure with reference to the lapsed contracts of the late John Jacoby.

Mr. Duvall states that according to the papers presented, these contracts have not yet expired, and he notes that the Commissioners have sent notices by mail to the bondsmen and to the attorney of Mrs. Jacoby to complete the work called for in the several contracts, which is the construction of a portion of the east side intercepting sewer, the extension of the boundary sewer, and a section near the corner of Third and Cincinnati Streets.

The Solicitor calls attention to the fact that on February 27, letters of administration on the estate of the late John Jacoby were issued by the Supreme Court of the District, holding Probate Court.

Mr. Duvall states that the notice to the attorney of Mrs. Jacoby was not equivalent to a notice to the administrator of the estate.

### FUNERAL OF H. K. GRAY.

Services To Be Held at Residence of Deceased Saturday.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Hamilton K. Gray, who died at his home in this city yesterday after a short illness of pleurisy, will take place from his late residence, 200 Twelfth Street southwest, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Gray, who was in his sixty-fifth year at the time of death, was born and reared in the District, and his untimely death will be mourned by a large circle of friends. He was a member of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, as well as of the Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F. Navy Yard, which place he filled with the greatest efficiency for over twenty-five years. His pallbearers will be selected from his former business associates and members of his lodge.

### THE OVERHEAD WIRES BILL.

Commissioners Urge Its Favorable Consideration by Congress.

The Commissioners have sent to the House Committee on the District of Columbia a favorable report on House bill 11,952, which provides for the removal of overhead telegraph and telephone wires in the city of Washington, and for the construction of conduits in the District of Columbia.

Several amendments are offered to the bill to enlarge to some extent the authority of the Commissioners over the extensions of conduits and overhead wire constructions before their removal underground.

The Commissioners ask the committee to report favorably to Congress the bill as modified and to labor for its passage. The municipal authorities stipulate that Congress does not see fit to adopt the area recommended, it will at least grant the extension of the Commissioners' authority to the fire limits as suggested by the accompanying report of the Electrical Engineer.

### A HARVEST OF COAL.

Pennsylvania Farmers Gather a Crop Left by Recent Flood.

GRANDVILLE, Pa., March 20.--Many farmers whose lands are along the banks of the Mahanoy Creek, as a result of the recent flood, are now gathering harvests of coal.

Hundreds of tons of small coal were washed into the creek and carried down the stream to farm lands, which, when the waters receded, were left with a coat of coal and culm several inches in thickness. Many families have gathered up from twenty to forty tons of coal.

### Cecil Rhodes Improves.

CAPE TOWN, March 20.--Cecil Rhodes passed a better night than for some time. He got more sleep than usual and his condition this morning was improved.

## MAY BE A LYNCHING IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Mutterings Rife Against a Young Mulatto Prisoner.

### HAD TERRORIZED THE TOWN

Police Capture Him, and He Confesses to Five Assaults--Extra Detail of Police Guarding the Jail--One Victim's Father Seeks Vengeance.

QUINCY, Ill., March 20.--The police have captured a mulatto boy, who has terrorized the northeastern portion of the city for the last three weeks. He has confessed to committing five criminal assaults.

Although the arrest was kept quiet for fear of a mob, it has become known in the city, and there are mutterings wherever the subject is mentioned. The father of one of the victims said last night that he would kill the fellow on sight, and armed himself for that purpose. When told that Sayles was in the city prison, he immediately started for there with the evident intention of carrying out his threat.

He was disarmed by the police, but vows he will have satisfaction.

An extra detail of police is guarding the city prison, which is in the basement of the city hall, and every precaution to prevent a lynching is being taken. The prisoner will be removed to the county jail today.

Sayles is only sixteen years old, but has a police record. He has served one term in the Pontiac Reformatory for stabbing a white boy, and a few months ago he was put in jail for shooting a companion with a rifle.

## TWO OF MENOMINEE FISHERMEN RETURN

Manage to Get From Chambers Island Over Ice.

Report That Fifteen Comrades Were Left There, and Tug Has Gone to Rescue Them.

MENOMINEE, Mich., March 20.--Two Menominee fishermen who were marooned on Chambers Island arrived home yesterday, making the trip, a distance of nearly 100 miles, on skates, across the southern part of the bay, on the ice which still clings along the shore.

They say there are still fifteen more men on the island, who took refuge there when the ice went out, and the tug Carson will go to their rescue today.

### BODY TAKEN TO FORMER HOME

Funeral of Insane Woman Suicide Not Yet Arranged.

The remains of Mrs. Kate Murphy, thirty-seven years of age, an inmate of St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum, who took her life in that institution last night by making a noose out of her bed sheet, were removed from the asylum this morning to the home of her mother, Mrs. Bridget Hughes, of 721 Sixth Street southeast.

For some time past Mrs. Murphy had suffered from a mental and suicidal mania, and had been in the asylum in St. Elizabeth's a year ago made various attempts to kill herself while laboring under these spells. For that reason she was closely watched by the officials.

The dead woman came to Washington about a year ago from Los Angeles, Cal., and after the death of her husband, with her mother, Mrs. Hughes, in the southeast section of the city. Her mind, weakened by the loss of her husband, totally collapsed, and she was found wandering about the streets in a demented condition. She was taken into custody by the police, and while confined in the Twelfth Street Reformatory, the examination of the police surgeon into her mental condition, made several attempts to kill herself.

Mrs. Murphy, the daughter of Policeman Hughes, of the Fourth precinct, who is stationed on the Long Bridge, and who did not hear of his sister's untimely end until several days after it had occurred. After the death of the woman the municipal authorities forwarded a report of the matter to the Anacostia police station, which in turn notified the Navy Yard.

After hearing the details of the case the Coroner issued a certificate of death due to suicide. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the funeral.

### METROPOLITAN'S PLANS.

Stockholders Will Meet Today to Pass on Them.

NEW YORK, March 20.--The stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company will meet today to pass on the new financial plan proposed by the directors, which involves the leasing of the system to the Interurban Street Railway Company, the formation of the Metropolitan Securities Company and the issuing of \$5,000,000 of 4 per cent 100 year refunding bonds, of which \$5,000,000 are to be reserved to retire and refund the several issues of floating bonds as they mature, or refunding in advance of maturity such bonds as can be acquired either by purchase or exchange.

In general these are the propositions which the stockholders are asked to approve. As far as the formation of the Metropolitan Securities Company is concerned, that will of course depend on the disposal of the other two propositions, which are submitted.

WINDFALL FOR DOCKSTADER.

Well-Known Minstrel Remembered in the Will of an Aunt.

CHICAGO, March 20.--Lew Dockstader, the minstrel, is richer through the will of his aunt, Harriet E. Clapp. The woman left an estate of \$140,000 in personal property and \$20,000 in real estate, which she left to her nephew, twenty-one nephews and grandnieces.

Dockstader receives a bequest of \$3,000. He is also made one of the residuary legatees, so that the amount which he will receive will be a large portion of the estate.

Burglars Loot a Postoffice.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., March 20.--Burglars entered the postoffice at Sugar Grove, Pa., last night, blew open the safe, and secured \$75 in cash and \$200 worth of postage stamps. They made their escape from the neighborhood by stealing a horse, harness, and buggy.

## AMERICAN OARSMEN BIDDEN TO IRELAND

### ADMIRAL KEMPF RETURNS.

Arrives at San Francisco--Is Home for Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.--Rear Admiral Louis Kempf was a passenger yesterday on the steamer City of Peking, from Yokohama. For the last two years he has been senior commander of the Pacific Squadron, with the battleship Kentucky as his flagship, and has spent much time on the Chinese coast. He left the squadron in command of Rear Admiral Frank White, who is to be relieved soon by Rear Admiral Evans.

Admiral Kempf says affairs were quiet in Asiatic waters at the time he turned over the command to White. "I learn since my return," said the admiral, "that there has been some trouble on the West River in China, but that is not news to me. Much of my time was spent at Cavite, but I was occasionally on the Chinese coast and at Yokohama. The vessels of the squadron, besides the flagship Kentucky, are the New Orleans, Monmouth, Monterey, Helena, Wilmington, Monocacy, and Vincennes. The health of the men has been fairly good and little has taken place during my time in Asiatic waters that is worth reporting. I am home for orders."

## SENSATIONAL MOVE BY OGDEN COMPANY

Imperial Tobacco Company's Prospectus Answered.

Ogden Offer Customers All Net Profits and 200,000 Pounds Sterling Additional as a Bonus.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.--The Ogden Cigarette Company, recently purchased by the Imperial Tobacco Company, has answered the prospectus of the Imperial Tobacco Company in a sensational manner.

In a circular issued today, the Ogden offers their customers bonuses of the entire net profit of the concern, and £200,000 per annum for the next four years.

The Imperial Tobacco Company is made up of many of the leading tobacco manufacturers of England. They are fighting the American Company, to retain control of the trade in England.

The circular of the Ogden today is but another move in the fight. The prospectus of the Imperial Company was issued on February 17. According to it the company is arranging a scheme of bonuses for customers dependent on the amount of their purchases.

### THE OLYMPIA INSPECTED.

Dewey's Former Flagship Makes Sixteen Knots Under Natural Draught.

FOF MONROE, Va., March 20.--The guns of the cruiser Olympia boomed in practice drill at the Cape yesterday, and on board were the members of the Board of Inspection and Survey, now in session at Old Point. A thirty-mile breeze from the northwest kicked up a lively sea, but the Olympia howled along at nearly sixteen knots an hour, with natural draught. The cruiser's inspection was most satisfactory to the Naval Board, and after two hours' run to sea Admiral Dewey's former flagship returned to Hampton Roads, where she now lies at anchor, pending another trial today. The Cincinnati will be inspected on Friday. A trial trip will take place off the Virginia coast.

### MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN'S WILL.

Instrument, Executed Since London and Globe Collapse, Probated.

LONDON, March 20.--The will of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who died on February 12, has been probated. The estate amounts to £108,000.

A codicil says the will was executed after the collapse of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, of which the Marquis was chairman. Hence no restriction was placed on his sons' £25,000 apiece, which, with their great-uncle's legacy, will give them £15,000 each.

As this would not provide a sufficient income, the testator directed that the eldest son would consider it an injustice if he added £4,000 each to the younger sons' share.

On the death of the mother the family will receive £1,000 each, which will make the girls' fortunes £15,000.

### PRINCE HENRY AT KIEL.

Arrives on Warship With His Brother, the Kaiser.

KIEL, March 20.--The battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II, with Emperor William and Prince Henry on board, has arrived here from Cuxhaven, where Prince Henry landed Tuesday upon his arrival from the United States.

She was moored opposite the naval academy. The crews of the warships in the harbor manned their sides and tops and cheered the Emperor and Prince Henry.

### TRYING TO SPREAD STRIKE.

La Savoie's Strikers Endeavoring to Incite Others.

HAVRE, March 20.--The striking stokers and firemen of the French Line steamship La Savoie are endeavoring to incite the firemen and stokers of other steamships of that company to join them.

The French Line steamship La Savoie, which is scheduled to sail on Saturday, will experiment with the Marconi wireless system of telegraphy on her next voyage. The company will also reopen the pigeon post.

The rate for messages will be reduced from 5 francs to 2.

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